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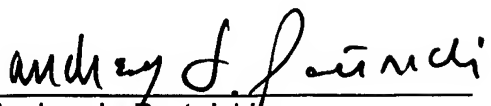
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RESPONSE TO REVISED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

1. In the Office Action

The Office Action requires election of one of five identified inventions. Specifically, the Office Action requires election of one of:

- Group I (claims 1-36) stated as being drawn to a calibrator or control solution;
- Group II (claims 37-51) stated as being drawn to a method of making a calibrator or control solution;
- Group III (claims 52-82) stated as being drawn to a test sample;